(b) whether any screening is done of the persons incharge of implementing these measures as to determine their back ground and commitment to these values; and

(c) if so, the result thereof and whether a constant watch is kept on the functioning of such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Doordarshan telecasts on regular and continuing basis programmes for the promotion of National Integration through various formats of programmes. Similarly for encouraging National Unity and Communal Harmony, a large number of programmes are broadcast by the AIR. Films Division of this Ministry had been producing documentary films on National Integration since 1973 and quite a few films are in the pipeline. These films are shown in the various theatres. The Directorate of Field Publicity also popularise themes of National Integration and Communal Harmony by utilising both modern as well as traditional modes of communication like films, slides, song & drama programmes etc.

(b) and (c) It is ensured that such assignments are given to suitable Programme Officers who have the requisite background and aptitude for the job. The programmes are monitored and evaluated regularly. Their formulation and implementation is supervised by senior level officers of various Media Units.

Credit facilities to cooperative banks by NABARD in Orissa

1326. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the NABARD has refused to give credit facilities to Co-operative Banks in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that on account of denial of credit facilities the agriculturists and others are facing difficulties in getting loans in time; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to alleviate the hardships of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) to (d) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that both the Orissa State Cooperative Bank (OSCB) and the Orissa State Cooperative Land Development Bank (OSCLDB) have defaulted in the matter of payment of their dues and NABARD as a part of the institutional discipline introduced by it, has withdrawn certain refinance facilities available to them. In so far as OSCB is concerned NABARD has however allowed it to make drawals on its short-term limits with effect from 5th January, 1987. OSCLDB has also been permitted to float debentures with a view to ease its financial position. NABARD has also advised the Government of Orissa to extend certain facilities to OSCB.

Banks not providing statement of accounts to customers

1327. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present commercial Banks are not providing statement of accounts on demand to their customers;

(b) whether there is a provision in the Banking Act that banks will provide statement of accounts on demand to their customers; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take against those banks for not providing statement of accounts to their customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) to

(c) Even though the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 does not provide for furnishing of Statement of Accounts by banks to their customers, as a measure of customer service, banks have been advised to furnish monthly Statements for Current Accounts to the Account holders in a staggered manner every month. Complaints in this regard, whenever received, are followed up with the banks for redressal.

Monitoring of IRDP by R.B.I.

1328. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India is monitoring the performance of Nationalised Banks in implementing the Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(b) the details of the banks that fully achieved the targets under IRDP in their respective jurisdiction during the year 1986;

(c) whether any problems in implementing the IRDP have been reported by the banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government have taken to overcome these obstacles/problems in implementing the Integrated Rural Development Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised the banks to report their performance in implementing the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) through monthly statements with a view to enable RBI to monitor the progress of the implementation of the programme. RBI is also getting a copy of the review note placed by banks before their Boards periodically. IRDP targets are fixed state-wise and not bank-wise. However, IRDP credit out-lay in each Block as estimated in the IRDP Annual Action Plans is required to be allotted among the various branches of the banks functioning in that particular block. Achievement of the IRDP credit targets by banks are monitored at the meeting of the District Consultative Committees. The banking system as a whole had achieved more than the targets set for it in the Sixth Five Year Plan. Banks had disbursed term loans amounting to Rs. 3101.61 crores as against Rs. 3,000 crores targetted during the Sixth Five Year Plan. During the first year of the Seventh Five Year Plan namely 1985-86 banks have financed 30.61 lakh families as against 24.71 lakh families targetted.

(c) to (e) RBI has reported that banks have brought to their notice certain problems in implementing the programme. These include the bunchng of applcatons, pre ponderance of sponsored applications under a few economic activities which tend to render such activities non-viable in that area, absence of infrastructure as well as linkages etc. A High Level Committee has been set up by Government to look into the problems relating to IRDP credit and suggest improvement on an on-going basis. Simultaneously, a Concurrent Evaluation of the IRDP is also being done on a monthly basis and the deficiencies noticed therein are brought to the notice of all the banks for suitable corrective action.

Failure of ASLV

1329. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what slippages in our space sequence are likely to occur due to the recent failure Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle; and

(b) what other nations have had to face similar failures in the past two years?